

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-53 stand rejected. Claims 49-53 have been cancelled. Claims 1-48 are currently pending. No new matter has been added.

Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejects independent claims 1, 13, and 45 in addition to dependent claims 2-12, 14, 20, 24, 25, 29, 32, 42, 44, and 46-53 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,175,856 to Riddle ("Riddle") in view of Applicants' admitted prior art. Dependent claims 49-53 have been cancelled.

By way of a teleconference on May 20, 2004, the Examiner indicated that amending Applicants' claims to recite a "printer" in stead of "peripheral device" or "device" would overcome the rejection. Accordingly, applicants kindly thank the Examiner and have amended independent claims 1, 13, and 45 to recite a "printer." Because Riddle, alone or in combination with the prior art, does not teach nor suggest transferring data files to a printer, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 13, and 45 are in a condition for allowance.

Dependent claims 2-12, 14, 20, 24, 25, 29, 32, 42, 44, and 46-48 depend either directly or indirectly from respective base claims 1, 13, or 45. Each of the dependent claims incorporate all the limitations of their respective base claim. Dependent claims 3, 4, 10, 25, 29, 47, and 48 have also been amended to recite a printer. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 2-12, 14, 20, 24, 25, 29, 32, 42, 44, and 46-48 are in condition for allowance.

Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 102

The following claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,175,856 to Riddle ("Riddle"): 15-19, 21-23, 26-28, 30, 31, 33-41, and 43. Per the teleconference of May 20, 2004 referenced above wherein the Examiner indicated that amending Applicants' claims to recite a "printer" in stead of "peripheral device" or "device" would overcome the rejection, Applicants have also appropriately amended the aforementioned claims as described below.

Independent claim 15 has been amended to recite transferring the data image file to a printer. Riddle does not anticipate Applicants' invention as reflected in the amended claim. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 15 is not anticipated by Riddle and respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejection.

Applicants also respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of dependent claims 16-19 and 21-23 at least because they incorporate all the limitations of allowable claim 15 from which they depend. Claims 21, 26, and 28 have been amended to recite a "printer."

As amended, independent claim 35 is also not anticipated by Riddle. Claim 35 now recites a third field containing data indicative of whether a printer is configured to decompress the compressed data file. Accordingly, claim 35 is not anticipated by Riddle, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejection.

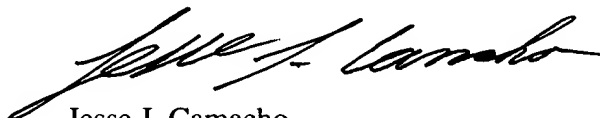
Applicants also respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of dependent claims 36-43 at least because they incorporate all the limitations of allowable claim 35 from which they depend. Furthermore, many of the dependent claims are separately patentable because they contain additional limitations not found in Riddle.

CONCLUSION

The pending claims that recite "peripheral device" or "device" have been amended to recite a "printer." The Examiner has indicated that such amendments would patentably distinguish Applicants' invention over Riddle. Accordingly, claims 1-48 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of claims 1-48. If any issues remain that would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone prior to issuing a subsequent action.

A check is enclosed in the amount of \$1610 (\$840 for an additional two-month extension and \$770 for the RCE). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required (or to credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,



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